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1. A method of preventing injury or death to an occupant within a vehicle comprising the steps of:  
determining if a temperature within a portion of the vehicle is critical;  
detecting whether there is motion within a portion of the vehicle; and  
if the temperature is determined to be critical and motion is detected within a portion of the vehicle, initiating a rescue sequence including the step of unlocking at least one door of the vehicle.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the rescue sequence includes sounding a car horn.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the rescue sequence includes the step of sounding an audible alarm.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein the step of sounding an audible alarm includes playing a recorded voice message.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein the rescue sequence further comprises the step of automatically calling a phone number and conveying global positioning data.
6. The method of claim 4 wherein the rescue sequence further comprises the step of automatically calling a user entered phone number.
7. The method of claim 2 wherein the rescue sequence further comprises the step of lowering a window.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein the rescue sequence further comprises the step of wirelessly transmitting an electronic image produced within the vehicle.
9. A method of preventing injury or death to an occupant within a vehicle comprising the steps of:  
determining if a temperature within a portion of the vehicle is critical;  
detecting whether there is motion within a portion of the vehicle; and  
if a temperature is critical and motion is detected within the vehicle, initiating a rescue sequence, said rescue sequence including the step of placing an automated telephone call to a predetermined phone number.
10. The method of claim 9 wherein said automated telephone call is made to a user entered number.
11. The method of claim 9 wherein said automated telephone call is made to an emergency response number.

12. The method of claim 9 wherein the rescue sequence further includes placing successive automated telephone calls to different predesignated phone numbers.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein at least one of the successive telephone calls includes the step of conveying global positioning data.
14. The method of claim 9 wherein the rescue sequence further comprises the step of activating a climate control system within the vehicle.
15. The method of claim 9 wherein the rescue sequence further comprises the step of automatically sending electronic images captured from within the vehicle.
16. A method of preventing injury or death to an occupant within a vehicle comprising the steps of:
  - determining if a temperature within a portion of the vehicle is critical;
  - detecting whether there is motion within a portion of the vehicle; and
  - if the temperature is critical and motion is detected within a portion of the vehicle, initiating a rescue sequence including the step of unlocking a locked door of the vehicle and making a plurality of automated telephone calls.
17. The method of claim 16 wherein the rescue sequence further comprises the step of wirelessly transmitting images from within the vehicle.
18. The method of claim 17 wherein at least one of said calls is made to an emergency response number.
19. The method of claim 17 wherein the step of making at least one of said calls includes the step of transmitting global positioning data.
20. The method of claim 19 wherein the rescue sequence comprises the step of flashing the headlights on the vehicle.